

## High School Graduation Requirements

Every high school student must meet state course and credit requirements and any local requirements to graduate from high school. To view the state course and credit requirements, look below for the section that matches when a student entered 9th grade for the first time.

Refer to the State Board of Education policy for specifics about state requirements and [courses for credit policies](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/courses-for-credit-policies). <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/>  
 School counselors are available to answer any question you may have about what is needed to reach the goal of high school graduation.

9th Graders Entering in 2021-2022 or afterward must pass the following courses and earn at least 22 credits

| Content Area | Future-Ready Core Course of Study Requirements   | Additional  |
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| English      | InformationEnglish I<br>English II<br>English III<br>English IV  | 4 credits   |
| Mathematics  | NC Math 1<br>NC Math 2<br>NC Math 3<br>A fourth mathematics course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans | 4 credits<br><br>In the rare instance, a principal exempts a student from the Future-Ready Core mathematics sequence, except as limited by N.C.G.S. §115C-81(b), the student will be required to pass: NC Math 1 and Math 2 plus two additional courses identified on the NC DPI Math options chart |
| Science      | A physical science course<br>Biology<br>An earth/environmental course  | 3 credits   |

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| Social Studies  | <p>Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina:<br/>                     a Civic Literacy<br/>                     Economics and Personal Finance<br/>                     American History<br/>                     World History</p>   | 4 credits   |
| Health and Physical Education   | <p>Students are required to successfully complete CPR instruction to meet Healthful Living Essential Standards as a requirement for high school graduation</p>  | <p>1 credit</p> <p>Accommodations/alternative assessments for students identified by ADA or IDEA will be provided</p>   |
| Two Elective Credits of any combination from:                                     | <p>Career and Technical Education (CTE)<br/>                     Arts Education<br/>                     World Language</p>   | <p>2 credits</p> <p>For clarification, possible elective combinations may include 2 World Language credits; or 1 CTE and 1 Arts Education credit; or 2 CTE credits; or 1 Arts Education credit and 1 World Language Credit; or other combinations from a,b, and c</p> |
| Four Elective Credits from the following (four-course concentration recommended): | <p>Career and Technical Education (CTE)<br/>                     ROTC<br/>                     Arts Education (dance, music, theater, visual arts)<br/>                     Any other subject area or cross-disciplinary courses (mathematics, science, social studies, English or dual enrollment courses)</p> | 4 credits   |
|   |   | 22 Credits Total  |